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WELCOME FROM AJ...

Welcome to the June edition of The Travelling Times. I trust you will enjoy.

Don't forget 2009, there has never been a better time to travel!



\$50 VIRGIN CHANGE / CANCELLATION FEE

Please be aware that Virgin Blue will now charge a \$50 change and cancellation fee.



Cathay Pacific Business Class



Sleeping on board Cathay Pacific

NATHAN'S CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHT

Recently I was invited to fly to Hong Kong courtesy of Cathay Pacific and was lucky enough to experience their Business Class product.

The business class cabin across most airlines has seen massive changes over the past decade, with the introduction of various innovations such as lie flat beds, cocoon back seats and various seating configurations. Therefore it is important to know what airline offers what and in fact what aircraft provides which style of seat/bed.

Cathay Pacific have launched their new business class called Olympus. It is provided in a herringbone seating formation, designed for space and privacy. It converts into a completely lie flat bed providing you with maximum comfort when sleeping.

This seating formation does have its limitations for those travelling as a couple, with little access to converse between seats. Also when seated in the upright position it can feel quite narrow due to the cubicle walls either side of you.

On various aircraft Cathay Pacific still have their older business style product, which is your more familiar style business class seating configuration. Whilst not completely flat, it still provides for a relaxing and comfortable flight with plenty of space. All of our travel specialists are very conversant with the various styles of business class across various airlines, so should you like to discuss any of these please do not hesitate to contact us.

QANTAS DOMESTIC SEAT ALLOCATION

Please make sure you check that your Qantas Frequent Flyer Profile is updated with your seating preference. The seats are selected automatically at the time of booking based on your profile preference.

ONeworld & STAR ALLIANCE EXPAND MEMBERSHIP



The Star and Oneworld airline alliances have made almost simultaneous new prospective membership announcements.

Russian domestic carrier S7 will become the 11th member of Oneworld. The move will add 54 cities to the oneworld map - 35 in Russia as well as destinations in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and offer full e-ticketing services.

The Star Alliance's newest member is Greek carrier Aegean Airlines, which operates to 17 Greek and 17 international destinations across Europe. The move will add 9 unique destinations to the Star Alliance network. Source: Travel Daily Wed 27 May

QANTAS TO CHARGE EXTRA FOR EXIT ROWS

Qantas announced recently that it will now be charging up to \$160 for passengers to book emergency exit rows (you know, the ones with the extra legroom and the scary looking levers next to them). An emergency exit seat on a domestic flight will set you back an additional \$80.

The flying kangaroo isn't the first airline to introduce this rule (Virgin Blue will now charge you up to \$45 for exit rows on their flights) but it's the first truly long-haul Aussie carrier to do so.

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Checked Baggage Summary

Class of Travel Allowance

(inclusive of Frequent Flyer Allowance)

Economy[^]		Australian Domestic #	International (non-USA)~	USA+
Bronze & Non Frequent Flyers	Weight	23kg	23kg	2 pieces (23kg each)
Silver & Gold Frequent Flyers, Qantas Club Members	Weight	33kg	33kg	3 pieces (23kg each)
Platinum	Weight	38kg	38kg	3 pieces (23kg each)
Business[^]		Australian Domestic #	International (non-USA)~	USA+
Bronze & Non Frequent Flyers	Weight	30kg	30kg	2 pieces (32kg each)
Silver & Gold Frequent Flyers, Qantas Club Members	Weight	40kg	40kg	3 pieces (32kg each)
Platinum	Weight	45kg	45kg	3 pieces (32kg each)
First[^]		Australian Domestic #	International (non-USA)~	USA+
Bronze & Non Frequent Flyers	Weight	30kg	30kg	2 pieces (32kg each)
Silver & Gold Frequent Flyers, Qantas Club Members	Weight	40kg	40kg	3 pieces (32kg each)
Platinum	Weight	45kg	45kg	3 pieces (32kg each)

Baggage dimensions - Australian domestic 140cm International 158cm (all destinations)

Chairmans Lounge Members have no baggage allowance limit and are exempt from excess baggage charges.

Sporting goods are included in total checked bag allowance. If the total checked baggage exceeds the customer allowance, standard excess fees apply.

QantasLink checked baggage allowances vary depending on destination. [^] Dash8 services no guarantee of uplift of baggage over 23kg due to weight restrictions.

[^] No single bag may exceed 32kg. If a bag exceeds 32kg, the bag must be re-packed and charged the excess fees for that route.

[#] Additional baggage of 1kg increments may be purchased at AUD10 per kg (Australia & New Zealand domestic, QantasLink Regional, Trans-Tasman

~ Additional baggage of 1kg increments may be purchased at AUD35 per kg (Medium Haul - Asia) or AUD50 per kg (Long Haul - Europe).

+ On the USA/South America routes, for Business & First passengers additional pieces (up to 32k) may be purchased for AUD150. Economy and Premium Economy customers who check-in overweight bags (24kg-32kg) will incur a heavy bag fee of AUD50.00. Additional pieces up to 23kg will be charged at a AUD150.00.

Additional Collection Rates

	AUS[^] & NZ domestic, Trans-Tasman & QantasLink Regional^{>}	International (AUS to/from Asia)	International (AUS to/from Europe & Africa)	International (AUS to/from USA & South America)
Economy Additional charges if over 23kg	AUD10/kg	AUD35/kg	AUD50/kg	AUD50/piece
Additional charge for extra bags	Free if within allowance	Free if within allowance	Free if within allowance	AUD150/piece
Business Additional charges if over 30kg	AUD10/kg	AUD35/kg	AUD50/kg	AUD150/piece (over the 2 pieces allowance at 32kgs ea)
First Additional charges if over 40kg	AUD10/kg	AUD35/kg	AUD50/kg	AUD150/piece (over the 2 pieces allowance at 32kgs ea)

* Rates are inclusive of GST for Australian domestic, New Zealand Domestic and QantasLink Regional flights.

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Information & rates herein are correct and effective from 3 April 2009.

For more information on the new baggage policy please visit qantas.com/agents.